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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

As a Preliminary Amendment to the above-referenced Application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS :

~~Please cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-41 as follows:~~

21. A door lock for electrical household appliances, such as washing machines,
A dishwashers and tumble driers, for example, with:

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